



**SACWN, Inc.**

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## **FLASH! SACRAMENTO HAPPENINGS!**



### **INHERITANCE RIGHTS BILL SIGNED BY CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS**

The California Alliance for Pride and Equality (CAPE) announced that Governor Gray Davis has signed into law a CAPE-sponsored measure to extend partial inheritance rights to domestic partners who have registered with the State of California. The bill, AB 2216, was authored by California Assemblymember Fred Keeley (D-Santa Cruz).

"CAPE thanks Assemblymember Keeley for his leadership, and commends Governor Davis for continuing his solid record of supporting lesbian and gay families," stated Geoffrey Kors, interim Executive Director of CAPE. "AB 2216 will provide countless families with the security of knowing that a surviving partner will be protected in the event of an unexpected tragedy."

AB 2216 will provide domestic partners registered within the State the right to automatically inherit a specified portion of a partner's estate should one partner die without a will. To ensure adequate notice is given, the bill directs the California Secretary of State to notify domestic partners of the change in the inheritance formula, and that change will not take effect until July 1, 2003.

To find out more about the California Alliance for Pride and Equality (CAPE) you can call them at 916-929-6331, Email at Email@calcape.org or go to their website at [www.calcape.org](http://www.calcape.org).

### **GAY GAMES - SACRAMENTO WELL REPRESENTED IN AUSTRALIA**

Jayne Moore, of the Sacramento Arts and Games Association (SAGA), will be participating in these wonderful games being held in Australia. She

has said, "There's no other event anywhere in the world in which gays, lesbians, trans, straights, Olympic champions, amateur weekend athletes, people with disabilities, people living with HIV, those just out of the closet and those approaching their tenth decade, can all take part together, in the spirit of participation, inclusion, and personal best."

Jayne informed SACWN that the GLBT community in Sacramento will have 40 participants in the Gay Games. Our local competitors will participate in these athletic and cultural areas: bowling, swimming, tennis, chorus, marathon, triathlon, mountain biking, track and field, physique and ballroom dancing. We wish the best of luck to each and every participant.

There is a special place in many of our hearts for Camille and Kilee who will be competing in the ballroom dancing. Kilee and Camille took first place in their division at the London Ballroom Championships for Same Sex Couples and took 4th at the Berlin Open in Women's Latin A Division. They are currently ranked 9th in the world for Women's Same-Sex Latin Ballroom. We wish them all the best at the Gay Games in November.

*To find out more, go to the website  
[www.sydney2002.org.au](http://www.sydney2002.org.au)*

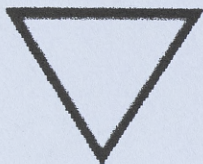
### **SACWN IS LOOKING FOR A GOOD WOMAN**

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### THE SACWN MISSION

*SACWN's mission is to provide lesbians with social activities in a safe environment, a supportive network, and resources to link our diverse community.*

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### SACWN NEWSLETTER POLICY

This newsletter is entirely dependent on volunteers.

In order to be included in the next newsletter, material must arrive in our mailbox or at my e-mail address by the tenth of the month (sharonju@sbcglobal.net). We encourage submissions (e.g. Letters to the Editor, news items, photos, etc.) Please type submissions and include your name and phone number for verification. Submissions by Email are especially encouraged.

**FREE ADS:** This section is for selling things of a personal nature, advertising for a roommate or finding a lost love. These ads are FREE to SACWN members who are advertising for personal use (no business advertising in this section).

**BUSINESS ADS:** Camera-ready ads are \$60 per business card size ad and ads must be prepaid. Ads are on a 12-month/six issues per year basis. For more info, please contact Sharon at 916-483-8730.

**CONFIDENTIALITY:** SACWN takes the following precautions to insure the privacy of its members:

1. The mailing list is never sold or lent to anyone--even other women's groups or inquiring lesbians.
2. The newsletter is always sent first class, rather than at the cheaper bulk rate.
3. Each newsletters is addressed to a specific subscriber, not "resident" or "household".
4. Newsletters are not sent to individual men.

*~~Women who want to participate in the operation of SACWN are encouraged to contact any of the committee coordinators listed to the left.*

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### Invitation to SACWN General Meeting

We will be having a General Meeting followed by a Steering Committee meeting on the first Thursday in October (Oct. 3) and the first Thursday in November (Nov. 7). We meet at the Lambda Center located at 1927 L St. Our meetings start at 7 PM. Come and find out what's going on and add your ideas and input to help our organization become stronger and continue to be a reflection of our members' interests.

**Your input is important to us.** Bring your ideas and suggestions. If you want to have some input but can't be at the meetings, send an Email to SACWN1@aol.com with your ideas.





# SACWN'S HOLIDAY SOCIAL

Saturday, December 7th

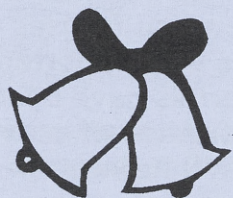
At Faces

5:30 pm until 8:00 pm

Music by Roni Trio

Followed by

Country music and dancing at 8:00



Come join the SACWN Steering Committee  
and members in celebrating the Holiday  
Season. Everyone is invited and welcome.

Meet old and new friends!!

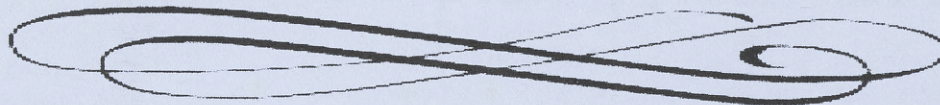




# **Three New Special Interest Groups Starting!!!!**

## **Women's Healing Circle**

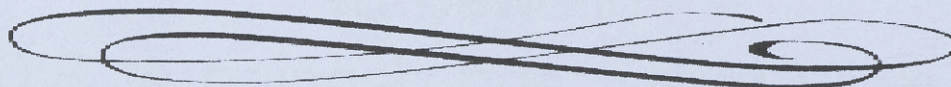
Are you a healer or interested in alternative healing? Are you someone who is interested in exploring your own spiritual wisdom with other women? This group is for anyone interested in walking their spiritual and/or healing path. We will explore our own healing abilities and learn about different spiritual practices including drumming, meditation and walking a labyrinth. Let's put our energies together and change our space for the better. If you are interested, please contact Sharon at (916) 448-4324 or Email her at [Sharon5248@aol.com](mailto:Sharon5248@aol.com)



## **30s/40s Group**

I decided to start this group after I'd heard many lesbians in their 30's and 40's say they'd found it difficult to meet other lesbians in their age group with whom they could socialize. Many lesbians, both coupled and single, want to meet other women with whom they can share a variety of interests and activities, and expand their social and networking circle.

Its purpose is to basically bring such women together on a monthly basis to make new friends and expand their social circle. Our monthly events will begin in late September/early October. Women who are interested in helping me get this off the ground and who would like to participate in planning, can contact Shawna via email at [Sacmac66@winfirst.com](mailto:Sacmac66@winfirst.com) or call Shawna at 916-812-1691.

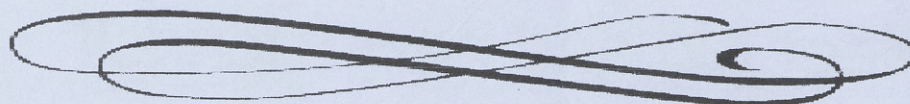


## **Seasoned Singles**

Seasoned Singles (SS) is for single lesbian women who are over the age of 50 and live in the greater Sacramento area. The group is new and focuses on activities which provides opportunities for socializing. Networking is very important for SS! Though different ways of reaching women are being used, most referrals have been by "word of mouth", from one woman to another. There is no fee required. Notification of activities will be done by Email or by phone. Information will also be posted in the SACWN newsletter.

Women interested in organizing and facilitating activities must provide their contact information. The contact person not only organizes and facilitates that activity, she participates by going to the event. And as one woman said, "put a little spice in your life". Check us out! Contact Mary Stoschke at: 916-395-4147 or [seasonedsingles@webtv.net](mailto:seasonedsingles@webtv.net)

If you are a woman who is on a limited budget, has a physical limitation, or knows of a woman who fits this description, please contact Kathleen at [Katmomma@winfirst.com](mailto:Katmomma@winfirst.com). She will help those who need transportation to any of the Seasoned Singles activities.





## Special Interest Groups (SIGS) Bulletin

SACWN's SIGs are small, friendly groups of women who get together monthly (or more often) to share activities of mutual interest. New members are always welcome, so we encourage you to call the contact person listed to find out what activities are being planned.

If you are interested in forming a Special Interest Group (SIG), please contact Kelli at: 916-631-7261 with your ideas. You could share a favorite hobby or interest with other women.

### Rainbow Campers

Join SACWN's Rainbow Campers for a weekend of camaraderie! RV, tent and car campers are welcome. To attend a Rainbow Campers' event, call the RV park at the number provided to make your own reservations. Many parks fill up months in advance so make your reservations early! Then, contact the Wagon Master listed for the trip to let her know you are planning to attend. Then, she can greet you, share information about the Saturday night potluck and let you know about any activities that may be planned for that weekend.

#### Upcoming Events:

**October 18-20** will be at Coloma Resort. A Gold Country Tour is available. Phone: (800) 238-2298. Wagon Master: Joyce at: (916) 987-1069. Recommended sites: #62-70.

Rainbow campers won't be camping again until March. If you're interested in being part of the planning group to decide on our camping sites will be for 2003, call Joyce at (916) 987-1069. The meeting will be some time between November and February.

### 30s/40s Social Group

is a group for lesbians in their 30's and 40's - singles and couples are welcome. Its purpose is to bring such women together on a monthly basis, make new friends, and expand their social circle. Below are some upcoming activities:

**Friday, October 4, 7:00 PM.** Book signing: Anyone interested is welcome to join us for coffee beforehand (6:30) at The Open Book for the Mo Brownsey author event featuring her book, *Is It a Date Or Just Coffee?*.

**Sunday, October 6, 4:00 PM.** Women's Meet-n-Greet: This is our first official gathering. It is a casual *meet-n-greet* potluck. For those who are cooking challenged, chips and dips and other snacks are always welcome! For more details and location information, contact Shawna-916-812-1691.

**Sunday, November 3, 4:00 PM.** Get together. Location and activity TBA. Call Shawna at 916-812-1691 or Email Sacmac66@winfirst.com

### Top 10

Top 10 is for women over fifty and for women who love women over fifty. Each month we get together for a meal at a local restaurant or for special at-home potlucks. To receive a schedule of any future Top 10 events, Email MaryStoschke@webtv.net

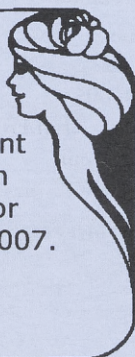
**October:** Oct. 20, Sunday - **Movie Marathon** from 1pm until no one would dare to want to see another movie! Bring a snack to share and your own drink. Pizza will be served for dinner. RSVP to Mary at 395-4147 or MaryStoschke@webtv.net

**November:** Saturday, November 23 at 1 PM Sharon and Donna will be having our **Thanksgiving Celebration** at their home. They will supply the turkey. Please bring a dish, drinks and a folding chair. RSVP - 483-8730 before November 9.



### Newcomers

Are you new to SACWN, new to the area or just want to meet new people? Then the Newcomers Group is for you! Call Nancy at 452-6007.



### Half-Fast Hiking Group

This is a well-organized, friendly group of serious hikers who know how to have fun. We are in our sixth successful year of day-hiking with hikes scheduled once per month all year long. We walk at a comfortable pace and usually average about five miles round trip on hikes that are rated "easy" to "moderate". All newcomers will receive a warm welcome! Please join us for the time of your life! For a calendar of this year's events and an information sheet, call Marta at 456-9312.



## SIGS + (Special Interest Groups)

### Fool House Poker Group

Feeling lucky? Then join us for a friendly game of poker on the 2nd Friday of every month. Novice players welcome. I guarantee you'll have a good time. For game time and location, call Gretchen - 916-922-6287 or Mary - 916-723-5269.

### Grieving Group

Has someone special died and passed on from your life? Do you need an empathetic group with whom you can express your feelings? This group is specifically for you. Call Diana for more information - (916) 428-0290

### Women's Music

Are you interested in women's music? Do you want to support women musicians who have been involved in the women's movement for many years while having a good time? We will be going to live performances of women's music in Northern California. All are welcome to join and enjoy the pleasures that listening to great music can bring. If you are interested in joining us or if you just want to know what performances are coming up, call Pat: 916-443-2981. Make sure you ask for Pat, please! You can also e-mail Pat at pwood314@yahoo.

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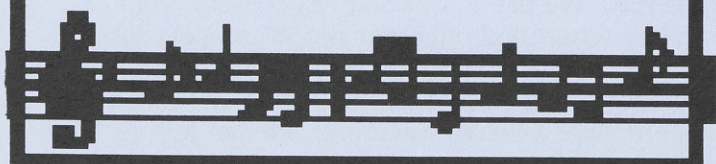
**October 5**-Margaret Cho at the Punch Line. Contact Kathleen katmomma@winfirst.com or 359-5737.

**October 12** - Second Saturday Art Walk - Japanese dinner at 5:30, 6:30 tour of Lavendar Library and gallery walk, 9:00 Luna Cafe for Jazz. RSVP Mary 916-395-4147

**November 14** - Gayiel Von Cabaret at Club 21. Show starts at 7:30. Contact Mary 916-395-4147.

### Arts and Entertainment

From local activities such as the Second Saturday Art Walk to a show in the Bay Area, we enjoy a variety of entertainment. It's great fun and you can meet reconnect with old friends and/or meet a new friend. If you are interested in participating in or coordinating events, contact Sharon at (916) 483-8730. To have the latest updates sent to you by Email, just send your Email address to: sharonju@sbcglobal.net and indicate your desire to be on the A&E Email list.



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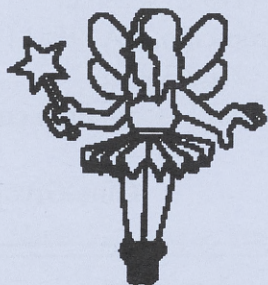
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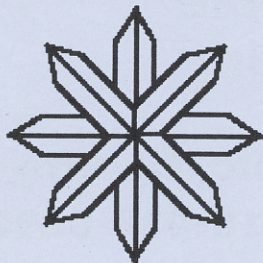
## SACWN Calendar and More

**October 9-12**  
**Sacramento International Gay and**  
**Lesbian Film Festival**  
**AKA: Fairy Flicks**  
 At the Tower and Crest Theatres  
 (See page 9 for details)

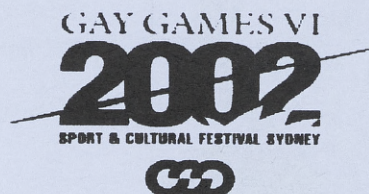


*If the Shoe Fits* (our sister group in the  
 Placerville area) is putting on a  
**Halloween Dance**  
**Saturday, October 26**  
 7 to 11 PM  
 (See page 9 for details)

**SACWN Holiday Social**  
**Saturday, December 7th**  
 (First Saturday in December)  
 5:30pm until 8:00pm  
 At Faces  
 (See enclosed flyer)



**November 2 - Gay Games in Sydney,**  
**Australia**



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**SACWN Business Group Forming...**

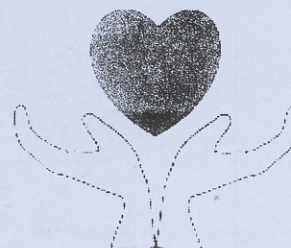
**If you,**  
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 would like to increase your business contacts  
 have an invention and need feedback,  
 are looking to make a career change,  
 want to share experiences  
 want to reach new goals,  
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**looking for!**

**"I'm not here to make a living,**  
**I'm here to make a difference."**  
 Helice Bridges

Please plan on joining us in determining the form  
 and direction of this new and exciting group for  
 women. For information please call Kelli @ 284-  
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**To have courage for whatever**  
**comes in life - everything lies in**  
**that.**

***Saint Teresa of Avila***






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## A LITTLE BIT OF THIS AND THAT In the Community +

**SACWN** won't be having their traditional Halloween Dance this year because our usual place for that function (Grapes) is closed. However, the Lesbian group in Placerville/El Dorado is having one in their neighborhood. It will be on Saturday, October 26th at the Smith Flat Grange Hall at 2020 Smith Flat Road in Placerville. The admission price is \$7 and Jammin' Jo will be the DJ. Music will be from 7 to 11 PM. Jammin' Jo is also taking tune requests. Just Email Jo at jamminjo@msn.com and let her know what you want to hear.

**ITSF**-(If The Shoe Fits) is a vehicle for people to make friends and participate in the activities within the lesbian and gay community. ITSF denies no one admittance to an event due to financial hardship. Their Email is: shoes2U@hotmail.com or you can write to: ITSF, PO Box 295, El Dorado, CA 95623

The **Sacramento International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival** (SIGLFF) is a non-profit corporation. Jolene Jessie, the President of SIGLFF, had this to say about their organization and their upcoming season: "In addition to providing great gay movies over the years, SIGLFF is also very proud of its history of giving back to the community.

Since its first year SIGLFF has donated over \$26,000 to GLBT organizations. The groups selected this year are Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) and Hand to Hand. We also award completion grants for filmmakers.

There are some fun surprises in store, including special audience appreciation prizes. The Film Festival is more fun than ever. Please come and get involved. *See you at the movies!"*

### GLBT-Friendly Small Cities and Towns in America

*(an article from the planetout website)*

Yearning for a gay-friendly home with a backyard and neighbors who won't mind your rainbow flag wind sock? Looking for a place where you can be out, keep your job, and raise your kids? These days, you don't have to move to New York or San Francisco to find a safe, supportive community.

Planetout wanted to find the gay-friendliest small towns across America and they asked their members to tell them why their hometowns were the best places to call home.

Based on the responses of their members and their own research, they came up with two lists:

#### **Small Cities**

- Burlington, Vermont
- Asheville, North Carolina
- Madison, Wisconsin
- Oak Park, Illinois
- Santa Cruz, California
- Iowa City, Iowa
- Bloomington, Indiana
- Santa Fe, New Mexico
- Boulder, Colorado
- Providence, Rhode Island

#### **Small Towns**

- New Hope, Pennsylvania
- Wilton Manors, Florida
- Ithaca, New York
- Northampton, Massachusetts
- Ashland, Oregon
- Maplewood, New Jersey
- Guerneville, California
- Hallowell, Maine
- Pahoa, Hawaii
- Carrboro, North Carolina

*So what do you think of their list? If you want to know more about these towns and the survey, go to their website at: [www.planetout.com/families/features/hometowns/](http://www.planetout.com/families/features/hometowns/)*



## Items Of Interest

### Gay Weddings

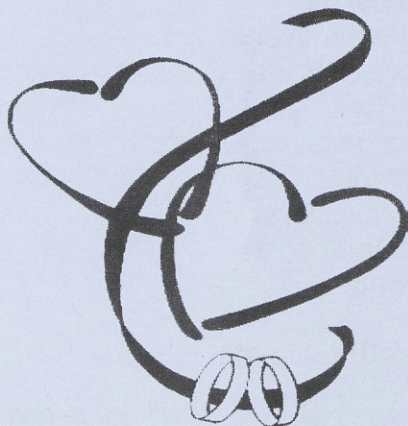
Starting the week of September 2, Bravo's mini-series "Gay Weddings" premiered. The shows centered on two gay couples and two lesbian couples preparing to walk down the aisle. After watching that show, I started to do a little research into lesbian and gay weddings and came upon a website (planetout.com) which had quite a bit of information.

A book by Tess Ayers and Paul Brown, The Essential Guide to Lesbian and Gay Weddings was referenced. Quote: "Forget the fact that same-sex marriage is not yet legal...: as far as we're concerned, a commitment ceremony serves the same important purpose as a traditional wedding. It's a public proclamation of your commitment, before your family and friends. It gives you a sense of permanence and stability. And it's a great excuse to celebrate your love with a big party! Nevertheless, there are no distinct guidelines for commitment ceremonies..."

The authors go on to discuss the Commitment Ceremony. And cover such questions as:

- Who should marry us?
- How does the ceremony work?
- What do we wear?
- Do we register? Where?

And a list of useful books and resources was also given. You'll find all that information at [www.planetout.com](http://www.planetout.com) - look for gay weddings.



### Good News for Smokers Who Quit

This is what happens after you snuff out that last cigarette and the nicotine starts to leave your system:

#### Within 24 hours:

- Circulation improves.
- Carbon monoxide in the blood declines, lessening the possibility of cholesterol in the arteries.
- Hypertension risks from smoking disappear.

#### Within 48 hours:

- Senses of taste and smell improve.
- Nerve endings start to grow.

#### Within one week:

- Breathing gets easier.
- Skin tone and pallor improve.
- Sinuses clear out.

#### Within one month:

- Oxygen is delivered to muscles better.
- Exercising is easier.
- Smoker's cough decreases.
- The body is less stressed, so energy levels increase.
- Sleep quality is improved.

#### Within one year:

- The risk of developing many illnesses - including pneumonia, influenza, colds, peptic ulcers, coronary heart disease and osteoporosis is lowered.

#### Within five years:

- There's significant reduction in the risk of lung cancer and cancers of the mouth and esophagus.
- There's continued decline in the risk of coronary heart disease.

#### Within ten years:

- The risk of heart attack is nearly the same as for a person who never smoked.

#### Within 15 years:

- The risk of lung cancer is nearly the same as for a person who never smoked.

From *Drug Topics*, Sept. 6, 1993



## Subscription/Membership Application

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<u>New</u>	<u>Renewing</u>
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<b>Categories</b>	<b>Rates</b>
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Regular	\$24.00
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Sustaining	\$48.00
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Limited Income	\$12.00
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Rates are per household, per year. The membership renewal is due in February of each year.

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SIG Leaders

## Comments, Suggestions, Viewpoints

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## **SACWN, Inc.**

**Sacramento Area Community  
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**Hey,  
three new  
SIGs!**